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## The Ship Purchase Proposition.

Mr. Watterson is of opinion that Mr. Bryan defeated himself for President in 1908 by declaring for government ownership and operation of railroads. The distinguished editor is probably wrong about that. The declaration was a mistake and was not repeated, but Mr. Bryan was doomed before he made it. He was approaching his third nomination without contest in his own party, but handicapped before the country by his two failures to reach the presidency, and by the fact that Bryanism was still associated in business circles with unsound views on the money question. The road to the White House was barred to him. He could not have reached goal even with perfect silence as to the railroads.

His belief about that matter leads Mr. Watterson to offer the President some suggestions about the ship purchase bill, which, as report has it, will be reintroduced in Congress at the President's request. He regards the measure as undemocratic, and fraught with peril to the democratic party. He lauds the democratic senators who helped defeat it, and predicts that if the measure is brought forward again with administration endorsement "it will split the democratic party wide open."

On this ground Mr. Watterson is reasonably safe. Government ownership and operation of merchant ships would be a step in the direction of state socialism, and if taken might force other steps in the same direction. Republican senators and protesting democrats agreed on that point last winter and killed the proposition. Renewed, the proposition would be of the same character and open to the same objection.

As to the effect of the renewal on the democratic party Mr. Watterson states the case extremely. It might not "split the democratic party wide open," but it would cause a division calling for all of the President's power to handle. And the contest would bring up and decide the very interesting question as to whether the President's power suffered any diminution last November when the democratic party, though holding on to Congress, suffered very heavy losses. There is wide and deep curiosity as to whether the Sixty-fourth Congress will yield as much and as often to Mr. Wilson as did the Sixty-third.

Last winter the ship purchase bill split Kentucky in the Senate wide open. Mr. James supported and Mr. Camden opposed the measure. The latter, who was filling an unexpired term, has since retired. But, on the outside, Mr. Watterson takes the Camden position, and thus keeps the Kentucky democracy divided. Mr. James will probably again follow the President.

Peace advocates should not disregard the distinction between a man who desires war and one who fears that hostilities may be forced on him and wants to make it as brief as possible.

Few of the large cities are able to offer the nomination of mayor with the assurance that it is a good start in political life for a hardworking young man.

The season for perfectly good explanations of why a large number of towns will get on without base ball pennants for another season is now due.

## Mr. Taft on Bull Moosery.

Speaking at Seattle last night, Mr. Taft said that "the planks of the so-called progressive party adopted in 1912 never were, and never will be, supported by the national republican party." He might have gone further and said that the so-called progressive platform of that year was prepared for a particular purpose, and went to the scrap heap when that purpose failed.

Had the republicans been willing in 1912 to nominate Mr. Roosevelt for President he would have accepted the platform they prepared for Mr. Taft. Its timbers were sound, and republican he had stood on the edge of them. He could, without omitting his record at all, have stepped on them again.

But the republicans would not have done that. He had made himself impossible for two reasons: (1) He had begged himself not to run for President again; and (2) after changing his mind on that point he had fallen out with and abused many of the party leaders with whom he had co-operated in party affairs, and against whom he now had nothing except their refusal to play his game.

Determined to make another race, Mr. Roosevelt must have a party of his own, and that party must have a platform. Hence the organization

of the bull moose party, and the declaration of principles issued in its name.

The bull moosers who have returned to the republican party feel perfectly at home again. Nothing of a material character was changed during their brief absence from the reservation. They find their old associates still in favor of a protective tariff, still in favor of such trust legislation as will permit big business to do legitimate business at a profit, still in favor of sound money, and willing to vote liberal sums for strengthening the national defense. Everything looks right and good to them.

Next to Mr. Roosevelt, the most prominent and influential man left in the bull moose party is George W. Perkins, like his chief a former republican. On the tariff question Mr. Perkins dodges, as, though not in the same way, his chief did during seven and a half years in the White House. Mr. Perkins proposes taking the tariff out of the hands of Congress—which could not be done—and handing it over to a commission, which would fail with it more signally than any Congress has done.

On the trust question, Mr. Perkins, who is a graduate from the trust school, proposes federal incorporation of all big business—a plan smacking so strongly of state socialism the leaders of both of the old parties are shy of it.

The republican party could not afford to dodge the tariff question, and up to date it has fought every form of state socialism presented.

## The Change of Russian Commanders.

A situation of great interest and of vital importance to the allied cause arises in the removal of Grand Duke Nicholas from his position as commander-in-chief of the Russian armies in the field and his transfer to the Caucasus, the czar taking his place as supreme commander. At the outset of the war Grand Duke Nicholas was regarded as one of the leading soldiers of the old world, rated by some as the greatest living strategist. The early successes of the Russian army maintained this reputation in such a way as to give false hopes of marked successes by the Russians against the Germans. Later the Russian advance was checked and then the Grand Duke's lines were steadily driven backward until now the German-Austrian forces have taken all of Poland and a considerable area of Russian territory proper, leaving only a small fraction of Galicia in Russian hands.

In the retreat of the Russian forces the Grand Duke has displayed exceptional ability, preserving his armies virtually intact as he has surrendered stronghold after stronghold and shifted from one position to another. He has been handicapped by inadequate munitions. Whatever the specific cause of the Russian defeats, no blame has been attached to the commander. It is hardly conceivable that the czar has displaced the grand duke now because of the failure to hold the Germans west of Warsaw, for the causes of that failure have apparently been wholly beyond the control of the commander. Some other cause must exist, doubtless some development of intrigue of which the western world knows nothing.

Although the czar puts himself at the head of his forces, it is not expected that he will actually direct the campaign in person. He is not a trained soldier, and while he may issue orders in his own name he will probably be guided by a professional military staff or perhaps may select for an actual leader some general of whom the west now knows nothing.

Meanwhile there is an important development at Petrograd, where a "bloc" of liberal elements has been formed in the duma determined to press for a vigorous prosecution of the war, and for the reorganization of the internal administration of Russia so far as it affects the supply of munitions. The czar's action in replacing the grand duke at the front is doubtless in some way connected with this political development at the capital. Whether the change will make for a stouter Russian resistance is a question that is now being anxiously debated at Paris and London, while at Berlin the removal of Grand Duke Nicholas from the supreme command is treated as an occasion for German rejoicing.

Philanthropists have given large sums to the cause of peace, but they continue to seem small as compared with the investments in arms and ammunition.

A popularity contest among the wardens of the various penitentiaries is among the interesting and perhaps not undesirable possibilities of the future.

So many reforms are pending that it is feared that another frost will find the much threatened mosquito still unexterminated.

## Some Improvement on the Border.

Better conditions should prevail along the Texas-Mexico border with federal forces in charge of the situation. Heretofore there has been much confusion of authority, with the United States troops operating indiscriminately with municipal and county posses and unorganized armed civilians in the repression of border raids. Now the officers of the army are to have command over the actions of civilians in case trouble is renewed.

For several days there has been no recurrence of the border disorders, the Mexican bandits having evidently been taught a wholesome

lesson by the manner in which their raids were repulsed. Several of them have been killed and many have been wounded. None of their raids has been successful. They have destroyed some property and have taken some lives, but they have stirred no sentiment whatever on this side save one of the deepest resentment against their activities. If it was hoped by anybody in Mexico to precipitate an uprising of Americans as a result of these raids they have wholly failed of their purpose.

Meanwhile, no answer has been received from Carranza to the note of the pan-American commissioners, and there is no intimation as to when such a reply will be forthcoming. He has seemingly treated the proposal to submit the Mexican differences to a conference for adjustment with absolute contempt and defiance. The situation in Mexico is not improving, but on the contrary is steadily growing worse. No victory at arms by either side really advances the time of stable government, for the elements of stability are at present lacking in the neighboring republic.

Philippine farmers held a convention in Manila recently. If the farmers take hold of affairs the prospects of self-government must be regarded as improving. The farmer in politics is always undeniably a power.

Depending on the public for censorship of moving picture shows would seem more practical if the public had not shown an inclination to prefer the educational drama to ragtime in the regular theaters.

A suggestion has been made by a New Hampshire man that the old-time torchlight procession be revived. It is as good an argument as a great many that figure conspicuously in a campaign.

It is too early to speculate on whether literature will be enriched by any running reports of the next democratic convention by Mr. William Jennings Bryan.

Dr. Cook says he is going to climb Mount Everest in the Himalayan mountains. The gentlemen who presented him with rose crowns refuse to display any interest.

Interference is resented by Haiti, although no explanation is offered as to how it could possibly operate in a manner that would not tend to improve conditions.

When the fight for supremacy of the seas is over, the war for supremacy of the air may still have to be waged.

The dignity of a man's wrist watch depends on whether it is worn with caulked palms or kid gloves.

## SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

### In All Modesty.

"You attach a great deal of importance to your opinions," said the friend.

"You mustn't think me egotistical," replied Mr. Meekton. "Those aren't exactly my opinions. They are my wife's."

"Allus speak de truth," said Uncle Eben, "but befo' you stahts in, make sure dat de particular truth dat's on yoh mind happens to be any of yoh business."

### Outdone.

As airships speed upon their way To make the havoc greater, The thunderstorm hides in dismay. It is a second later.

### A Difficult Maxim.

"When you are in Rome, do as the Romans," remarked the ready quotationist.

"Yes," replied the girl who has sincerely traveled; "but it's awfully hard to learn to eat spaghetti as expertly as they do there."

### Looking Ahead.

"How do you think the war in Europe is going to end?"

"The same as about everything else ends," replied Mr. Growcher. "The people who didn't start it or participate in the excitement will be called on to economize and try to pay up for it."

An envious man belittles achievement in an effort to make somebody else look as small as he feels himself.

### The Haughty Heel.

"Do you miss the summer boarders?"

"Kind o'," replied Farmer Corn-tassel. "A summer boarder is right comfortin' to have around from time to time. He ain't nigh so bossy an' fault findin' as the hired men."

### Ambition's Finish.

A man with firm and piercing gaze And hair well touched with white Stood pensive as the twilight haze Was melting into night.

"I've wealth," he said, "and ease complete; Yet for one thing I sigh. I vainly wish that I could eat A second piece of pie."

"The hours are gone, alas for me, When I would never wince While going through the list with thee."

From custard down to mince, Those joys so strangely short and sweet,

How they have passed me by! What would befell if I should eat A second piece of pie?

"A bit of pastry now and then I nibble half afraid. My word among my fellow-men Is instantly obeyed. But I desire no tributes neat, Nor flattery flaunted here. I only wish that I could eat A second piece of pie."

## Apron Gingham

Short lengths, suitable for making children's or women's aprons; in blue, brown and green checks; our regular 8c quality. Special a yard, tomorrow. Wash Goods Store—Street Floor.

Open 8:15 A.M.

Close 5:00 P.M.

"THE BUSY CORNER"  
**S. Kann Sons & Co.**  
5TH ST. AND PENNA. AVE.

## YOU CAN USE THESE Remnant Lengths of DRESS GOODS

To Good Advantage At This Time

Particularly for trimming purposes, as many of the new dresses are made up in combinations of materials; there are also many lengths suitable for whole dresses or suits, others with just enough for separate skirts or waists. Assortment consists of

All-wool Storm Serge, in navy and black; French Serge, Poplin, Basket Weaves, Fancy Suitings, Diagonals, Silk and Wool Poplins, Crepes, etc. Worth to \$1.50 a yard.

All Wool, Also Part Wool, Dress Goods and Suitings, in black and colors, shepherd checks, mixtures, mohairs and other weaves. Worth up to \$1.00 a yard. At, yard.

Bargain Table—Street Floor.

**69c**

**39c**

## 43 Tailored Suits

Last of Our Spring and Summer Styles  
In Pongee Silk, Blue and Black Serges, Black and White Shepherd Checks  
—Were \$25.00. To Close, Friday, at.....  
GARMENT STORE—SECOND FLOOR.

**\$6.90**

## Profit by This Most Extraordinary Purchase 400 Pairs Women's Dancing and Evening Slippers

—New 1915 Fall Styles.  
—Intended to Sell at \$4.00. Choice, **\$2.65**

Just one of those fortunate trade happenings characteristic of Kann's great buying power. As these are just the slippers you will want very soon, this sale affords a chance for saving, such as may not be had again in some time.

Beautiful New Styles in Patent Leather, Dull and Bronze Kid; also Black Satin. Choice of beaded or plain vamps with Cuban or French heels. All sizes and widths.

Women's \$3.50 and \$4.00 High Shoes, **\$2.95**

These are the very latest styles priced at \$2.95 pair for the express purpose of starting you to buying your Fall Footwear. Choice of patent and dull leathers, button or lace style, with kid or cloth tops; plain toes or with tips. All sizes and widths. Shoe Store—Fourth Floor.

They Have Already Been Elected to Popular Favor—Our 10 or More

## New Fall Styles in DRESSES At \$16.75

New serges, taffetas, plaid and plain combinations, or combinations of stripes and plain material; and crepe de chine in plain colors, also many other new weaves are in evidence.

The styles are straight box-pleated models with strap belts; some with the blouse and band or fold trimming on the skirt of one material, while the sleeves and the rest of the dress, including the full skirt, are of another. There are also smart military styles.

The new shades are green, tete de negre, navy and black. All sizes to select from. Dress Store—Second Floor.

## Seven Strictly New Standard NORWOOD SEW MACHINES

Specially Priced **\$19.75**  
Friday at.....

An easy running machine that will take away the "bugaboo" of fall sewing, and make it a pleasure instead.

All well constructed, in four-drawer style; dark oak drophead stand; head having automatic bobbin winder; largest bobbin; self-setting needle; self-threading shuttle; thread cutter, revolving spool pin, etc. Guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction.

Terms **\$1.00** Down and **\$1.00** Weekly

We repair all makes of sewingmachines. You will find our prices lowest for high quality work.

Sewingmachine Store—Fourth Floor.

## Friday Specials

**\$3.00 "WIZARD" Fire Extinguishers.**  
Always Ready for Use.  
**65c**

**19c** Salt Boxes, yellow glazed earthenware; nice size.....  
**3c**

**19c** Candlesticks, fine, plain white Syracuse china. Each.....  
**15c**

**25c** Butter Jars, fine yellow glazed earthenware; nice size; cover.....  
**29c**

**98c** Preserving Kettles, heavy white enamel; bail handle; 6-qt.....  
**59c**

**\$1.39** "HANDI-KAN" Garbage Cans, family size; slight defects. Choice.....  
**\$1.69**

**\$2.98** Stepladders, patent extension kind; extra quality. Choice.....  
**\$1.49** Steam Cookers, heavy tin; copper bottom; 3 and 4 compartment. Each.....  
**95c**

## Extra Friday Special!

The Popular New

### Trimming Buttons

Small sizes, in crystal, jet and novelty effects. A wonderful assortment of kinds you want for your Fall blouses, 12c and 15c values; in tomorrow's sale, a dozen.....  
Button Store—Street Floor.

## Remnant Lot of Neckwear

Consisting of a collection of various styles of neckwear left from special sales; includes values up to 25c and such pieces as collars in tailored or low neck effects, of organdy or net; some linen collars; also little bows and ties. Choice at.....  
**7c**

The Accordion Pleating of fine chiffon and very desirable for dresses, blouses, particularly for the new accordion-pleated blouse with angel sleeves. Regularly \$1.25 a yard. Friday, a yard.....  
Bargain Table—Street Floor and Pleating Store—Street Floor.

## GOOD Lengths of Linings

Worth to 35c. Friday, a yard..... **12½c**  
Sateens, percales and interlinings, in a good assortment of colors. For relining the old suit, or linings for the new; also for many other uses you will find these just what you want. Bargain Table—Street Floor.

## Now for a Quick Let-Go of 50c to 85c

Silks Friday at..... **32c** Per Yard

A clearance of odd pieces—all of them silks you can use throughout the entire year. At the special Friday price it is the part of wisdom to take advantage of it. Select from

Plain Satin Messalines, in 50 different colorings; also white, ivory and black.

Hairline Satin Striped Messalines, in 10 of the best colors.

Imported Printed Shantung Pongees, in 6 different patterns. Silk Store—Street Floor.

## Untrimmed Hats

of Black Velvet at **\$1.95**

All the new shapes. As the edict is for simple trimming now, you can be the possessor of a really stylish fall hat by purchasing the shape here tomorrow, and the bit of trimming, needed from our Millinery Store, and we will trim the hat for you free of charge.

LYONS' VELVET HATS, in black and colors; in the new "VANITY" or poke shape, with side or back roll; also straight sailor shapes and high-crowned turbans. Choice at..... **\$3.95**

Millinery Store—Second Floor.

## Lingerie Waists

Worth Up to \$2.95. Friday Clearing Price **79c**

A big accumulation of odd sizes, broken lines and few of a kind styles that must go out—

Embroidered Organdies. Organdy and Voile Combinations. White, combined with colors, such as blue, pink, lavender, etc. Linen Waists, in plain colors. Novelty Crepes. Fancy Striped Waists.

## ODDS AND ENDS OF HOUSE DRESSES

We are going to clear these out. They have been crowded out by incoming fall merchandise, and they must go. Striped and figured lawns, ginghams, diamond checks, etc. Worth up to \$1.50. Choice at..... **79c**

Bargain Tables—Street Floor.

## Rugs and Other Floor Coverings

Priced Right for a Rousing Remnant Sale Friday.

**27 Room Size Rugs.** Values to \$16.50. Choice.....  
Five 9x12 Wilton Velvet Rugs, in oriental designs, attractive colorings; also small all-over and medallion center effects. Worth \$16.50. **\$9.75**

Seven 9x12-foot Brussels Rugs, \$15.00 values, in 8 and 10 wire grades, some in one piece, in floral, conventional and oriental designs; in red, green, blue, tan and brown. **\$9.75**

Nine 8x10-foot Seamless Brussels Rugs, \$15 values, in nine and ten wire grades, in good patterns and colors. **\$9.75**

Six 6x9-foot Wilton Velvet Rugs, \$15.00 values, in neat small designs and larger effects. Close weave. **\$9.75**

**27 Room Size Rugs.** Worth up to \$7.45. At.....  
Six 6x9-foot Wool and Felt Rugs, seamless and reversible, in two-tone greens, plain and figured centers. Formerly \$3.95. **\$2.25**

Three 6x12-foot Rattana Rugs, in two-tone browns, with self-colored borders. And four 7x10-foot Rattana Rugs, in brown and green bordered effects. Were \$6.75 and \$7.45. **\$2.25**

In Best China Matting Rugs, 9x12-foot, close, fine weave, neat designs; made with only one seam; heavy corded edge, reversible, plain white centers and colored borders, in green, brown, blue and red. Were \$5.00. **\$2.25**

Remnants of Cork Linoleum. Values to 35c yard. **12c**  
Yard.....  
China and Japanese Matting, in 2 to 29 yard lengths, 11x16-inch and 30 and 35 pound plain white China matting; also 180-warp Japanese carpet designs and white island matting; figures in green, blue, brown, red and two-color effects.

Yard-wide Prairie Grass Runner. 25c regularly. To close, a yard..... **35c**  
Cut from the full roll, but we have 3 rolls only, in brown extended Wall of Troy, brown with yellow border effects. All perfect and reversible. Floor Covering Store—Third Floor.

## Clearing in a Friday Save-Money Sale

**BEDS and Bed Accessories**

**6 Sample Brass Beds.** Values to \$24.95. To close..... **\$14.50**  
All guaranteed acid proof and tarnish proof lacquer; in satin or bright or poet finish. There are only the six; so hurry for choice.

**6 White Enameled Beds.** \$20.00 value. **\$1.39**  
To close.....  
Neatly made, with fancy oval top, head and foot pieces; 3 single and 2 double sizes.

**4 Mattresses.** Values to \$16.00. **\$9.95**  
To close.....  
Discontinued patterns to close—you should be here early if you want a real bargain. Double size, 1 Patent "Mason" Couch, complete with felt mattress, \$9.50. **\$9.50**

1 Box Couch, complete with felt mattress, opens to double bed size. **\$12.50** value..... **\$8.50**

**All Feather Pillows.** 29c  
50c value. To close.....  
Sanitary feathers; covered with good colonial A. C. A. or fancy ticking; size 18x18 inches.